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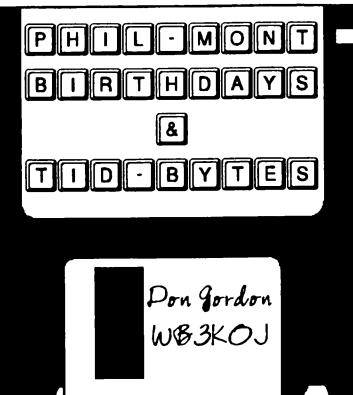
NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030 MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993 MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993 MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030 MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030 MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET

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*Indicates new member 1994-95



MEMBERSHIP STATS

166 Fully paid

23 Family

3 Honorary

3 Pending

LICENSE CLASS

(includes pending members)

Extra Adv Gen Tech

1994	47	49	23	67
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1995	50	47	28	67
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REMINDER

If you want your packet and/or E-mail address listed in the next PMRC Directory, send them to me at: HBGA61A@PRODIGY.COM or WB3KOJ@AA3CH.FM29HU#EPA.PA.USA.NOAM

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?

Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club.

Contact Ed Masarsky, KB3IV, for details.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy

So life goes on

Carl Vold, W3SGR

Sitting in the coffee shop with two "young ladies," I was drinking my second cup of coffee, and fitting some ham into a plastic box, for my cat. These boxes are used to carry food up to their home base.

So I started to get balled out by one of the residents that is in charge of food costs. She said "you can wrap that ham in a towel instead of using that box. If you keep that up we will have to increase the price of food again."

It was true. Coffee—all you can drink—was eighteen cents. It is now twenty five cents. A good slice of beef was seventy five cents. Now it is a dollar.

While this was going on I was watching

the residents push the food into bigger boxes and small ones. They were taking up to their wife, etc. They had three or eight boxes.

My answer was "yeh yeh yeh, think of the money you would save if you just stopped eating!"

Pause—her answer was "well any way, we love you."

My answer was a challenge: "you stop the sweet talk, and give me a kiss."

She did—on the cheek—m m m—applause, etc. from those in the coffee shop!

Two days later I was in the coffee shop and she came in—"I hope I didn't embarrass you the other day?"

A moment of silence...

"Let's have another argument!" ☺

Sam
ONE MORE
CORNER

PAY UP BUB!

BUT I'M BROKE!
AND IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT.

PMRC
love
stories

Don Gordon first met his future wife Natalie while 'working-off' the damage caused when he sat on top of a pin ball machine!

THANKS TO N3DHI

The PREZ sez

Steve Hoch, WU3I



more stations are listening than you may ever imagine.

Help wanted!

This month we have three events for which we need your participation. If you have not volunteered, now is the time. There is the CoreStates Bike Race, Field Day and Paddlerama.

CoreStates is the first event, and this is our 11th year (hope I counted right) providing communications for the race.

Field Day and Paddlerama are on the same weekend again this year, and we can increase our FD score with more CW operators. If you have the time Chris-N3IEI has the position for you. If you want to try a run in the woods, or a dunk in the river, Paddlerama has what you want; contact me. ☺

Notice

The previously advertised June Family Night program at the Omniverse Theatre will not be held due to a scheduling problem. However, the shipment of club jackets has arrived, and will be distributed at the meeting.

CoreStates Bike Race helpers needed for June 4!
Call AA3EP, N3FVI or KB3IV now!

UPCOMING

June 1 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute

June 7 General Meeting

June 21 Directors' Meeting at NU3Y's
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July 5 General Meeting

July 6 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute

July 19 Directors' Meeting at N3OOV's

# HAMFESTS

*Why aren't there any hamfests in our area during June?*

July 9 TIMONIUM, MD  
BRATS

Aug 6 WARRINGTON, PA  
Mid Atlantic ARC

Aug 13 EASTON, PA  
Delaware Lehigh ARC

Sept 10 GAITHERSBURG, MD  
Foundation for Amateur Radio

Oct 22 SELLERSVILLE, PA  
RF Hill ARC

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## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

*Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1995 test fee is \$5.90; there is no charge for a Novice test.*

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**  
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q  
(215) 879-0505 *day*, (215) 482-0386 *home*
- **BELLMAWR, NJ**  
Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Bill Helmatag  
(609) 546-7710
- **BRYN MAWR**  
Irregularly—Bob Lees  
(215) 265-6032
- **LEVITTOWN**  
Monthly, 1st Saturday—George LeNoir, WR3B  
(215) 943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)  
8/26—Russ Stafford, AA3CH  
(610) 358-2311
- **MORRISVILLE**  
Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Dave Munson, NM3K  
(215) 788-7515
- **POTTSSTOWN**  
Monthly, 1st Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ  
(215) 679-5764
- **TELFORD**  
Monthly, 3rd Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ  
(215) 679-5764
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**  
Monthly, Last Saturday—Jeff DePolo  
(215) 898-8538 *shack*, (215) 337-7383 *home*
- **WARMINSTER**  
Monthly, Last Wed.—Tom Michaud, WA3TKJ  
(215) 343-3494

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

*Charlie Weigand, AA3EP (215) 324-0167*

June 4 CoreStates Bike Race

June 24-25 Paddlerama

Sep 30 City-to-Shore (2-day round trip)

Dec 3 Brian's Run (West Chester area)

## Maia petition rebutted

The deadline for comments has passed on a petition for rule making to the FCC that would prohibit all one-way transmissions (below 30 MHz), such as code practice and information bulletins from W1AW. The petition, RM-8626, was filed by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, in March. The ARRL urged the FCC "in the strongest possible terms" to deny or dismiss the petition without further consideration. The ARRL said that Maia's arguments were overstated and inflammatory in their use of words such as "chaos" and "crisis proportions" to describe what he sees as on-the-air disagreements among amateurs related to one-way transmissions. The League cited W1AW's 65 years of free service to amateurs; other countries whose amateur societies also conduct informational bulletins on the air; the absence of any allegations

that W1AW creates any significant interference to ongoing amateur communications; and the value of W1AW's bulletins in alerting amateurs to disaster situations.

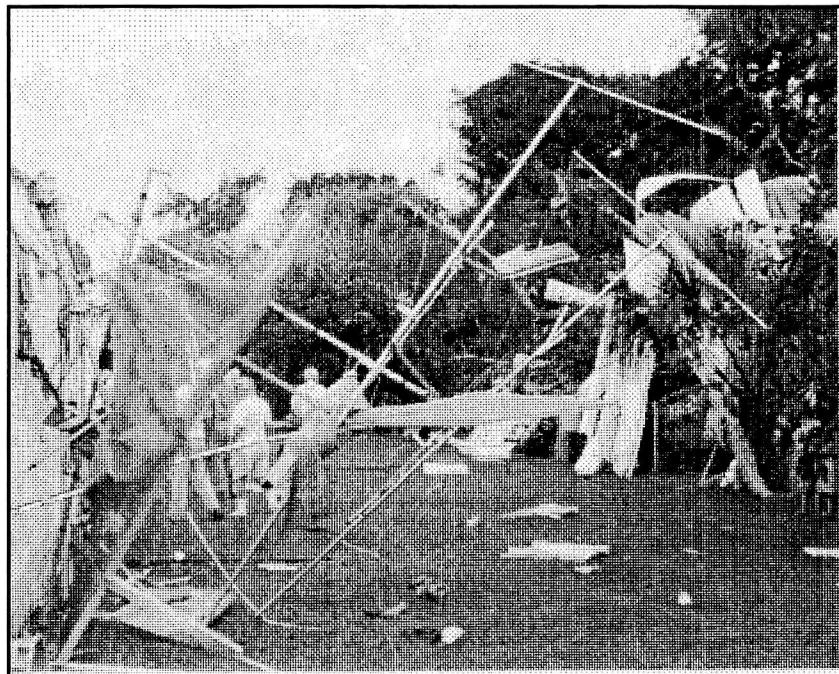
The ARRL also said that since W1AW bulletins are not intended for the general public, they hence are not "broadcasting," according to definitions in the Communications Act, the ITU Radio Regulations, and the Amateur Service Rules. They are, rather, amateur communication that has no more potential for undue interference than two-way communication. The League said that "any on-air anger perceived by Maia" ought to be the subject of FCC enforcement action, not rules changes, saying such situations were the direct result of the Commission "allowing abuses to continue for months and years rather than timely addressing them in the context of the existing rules." ♦



*My home beautifully restored. Total damage nearly \$10,000*



*Firefighters looking for my porch!*



*Found my porch, and my antenna farm!*



## MINUTES

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

*Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary*

**W**U3I-Steve, PMRC President, called the 544th meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. The President opened with a comment regarding W3QV repeater use during rush hour. He asked that we keep the conversations short, and listen for the courtesy chime.

KB3IV-Ed, Assistant Treasurer, gave the following report: beginning the period \$2,639.76, during the period +\$121.00, an expense of \$481.94 and a balance, as of April 30th, of \$2,278.82. Ed asks if you wish to join the A.R.R.L., or need to renew your A.R.R.L. membership, please do so through him; PMRC benefits financially. When renewing please remember to include your renewal application. Ed also mentioned the dire need for someone to help with the Tuesday evening CW net. Can you help? Contact KB3IV-Ed; his telephone number is right here in the *Blurb*... please.

PMRC will have a table at the May 7th Wrightstown hamfest. Look for us. Donning his Jacket Project Chairman hat, Ed reported our order is being processed, and that the June meeting would be a good time to distribute them.

The president is happy to report that the Directors will be meeting at the home of N3OOV-Charlie, for the month of June.

N3IEI-Chris asked those interested in Field Day to make their intentions known now! Chris is trying to make a schedule of operating times, and of who will be operat-

ing on the various bands. There is a dire need for CW operators, and Chris needs to know. (If I have it correct, this is because last time Spencer was unduly tasked as the number one CW man; seems Dick had an arthritic attack in his sending hand.) The site is Culp Street, near Domino Lane in Roxboro, and is about 4½ acres. There will be food, tents, a place to shower, and rest rooms.

Our President is also looking for those interested in Paddleramma to speak out. This event will also have lots of goodies.

Field Day and Paddleramma occur on the last weekend in June, so as you read this, you don't have much time. Contact N3IEI-Chris and WU3I-Steve whose telephone numbers are right here in the *Blurb*.

N3OWM-Ted, Membership Chairman, and those attending, gave a round of applause to new members KB2RGQ-Ed and WA3SIT-Richard. Ted also announced the receipt of two new applications for PMRC membership, to be voted on at the next Directors meeting, they are KB2RHD-Herbert and N3USF-Jeffery.

AA3EP-Charlie, Special Events Chairman, reports the need for the May 23rd Spring Classic and the June 4th CoreStates Bicycle Race. Contact N3FVI-Bill, PMRC 2nd Vice President.

WU3I-Steve reports that the 440 MHz transceiver has been removed from service at W3TKQ. Work is still being done on a power block for the W3TKQ ATV system.

A future project is to update the satellite station. The update will allow W3TKQ to take advantage of the Phase 3D project.

KA4LIF—Tom, Welcoming Committee Chairman, reports attending the meeting are 6 guests and 26 members. Many, many thanks to Anna Popovic for her help with the 50/50. Congratulations N3OOV—Charlie, the winner.

The President introduced our speaker for the evening: A.R.R.L. Vice Director, Atlantic Section, WT3P—Kay. A highlight of Kay's speech was the recognition of our own W3BBB—Jim, for 40 years of A.R.R.L. membership. That is a lot of support. I hope all of you join me in congratulating Jim.

The President closed the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Kudos to N3FVI and all who helped with the refreshments. ☺

#### NEWSLETTERS EXCHANGED

Anne Arundel Radio Club (Maryland)  
Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society (BRATS)  
Chaverim of Delaware Valley  
Cherryville Repeater Association (New Jersey)  
Delaware County Amateur Radio Association (DCARA)  
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club (DLARC)  
Delmont Radio Club  
Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (Florida)  
Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC)  
Penn Wireless Association  
R F Hill Amateur Radio Club  
Reading Radio Club  
Sanibel Amateur Radio Emergency Unit (Florida)  
Sussex Amateur Radio Ass'n (SARA) (Delaware)  
The 96 Over The Hill Gang (New Castle, Delaware)  
Tompkins County Amateur Radio Club (New York)  
Warminster Amateur Radio Club  
Worldradio Magazine

Exchanges with additional parties are welcomed.

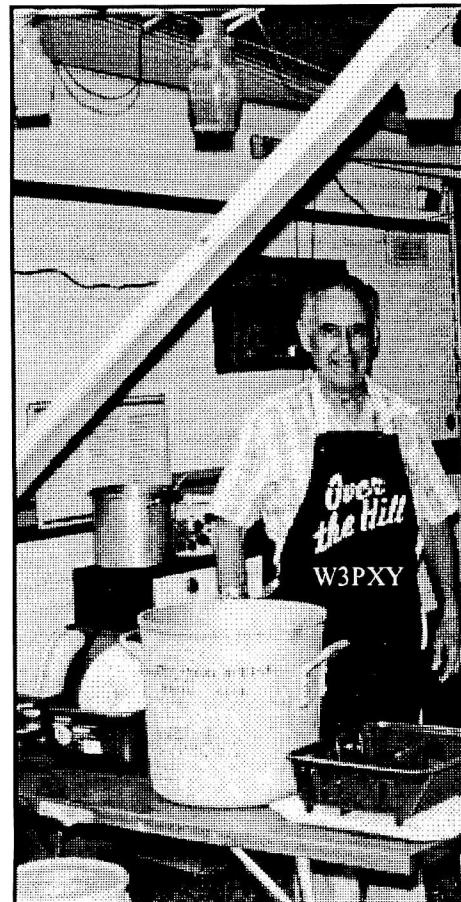
Good food is a tradition at Paddlerama!

#### PADDLERAMA

It's crunch time. We have 24 days until we handle this event for the Boy and Girl Scouts, and I don't have enough volunteers.

If you have a mobile rig and/or an HT with PL capabilities, we can use your assistance. Saturday or Sunday, one or both days. Stay for dinner with the gang in the campground or 'cut and run' after you are released.

We will provide all the info and directions, including data as to when to expect canoes at your location. Contact Steve—WU3I (215) 535-8061. ☺



June

#### The Southern Reporter



Howard "Gil" Gilpin, W3SRU

nies did not show up for five days!

As you can see, my home has been beautifully restored. While it was a terror to go through, all the new materials and construction are per current, stricter, building codes, and I have a much better home for it.

I'm coming up to Philly over Memorial Day. I have to be back in Tampa for a big Florida Hurricane conference on June 6, so, unfortunately, I cannot make the PMRC meeting.

Wally—K3JJO and Louise came down from Kissimmee to visit me for two days. We visited Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers Beach, and had a nice time together. ☺



Where's my porch?

## EMF cancer link studied

The Council of the American Physical Society (APS) has issued the results of a study entitled "Power Line Fields and Public Health," concerning the potential dangers of cancer from electromagnetic fields that emanate from common power lines and electrical appliances. The APS concluded that "the scientific literature, and the reports of reviews by other panels show no consistent, significant link between cancer and power line fields" and "the preponderance of ... research findings have failed to substantiate those studies which have reported specific adverse health effects from exposure to such fields.

"While it is impossible to prove that no deleterious health effects occur from expo-

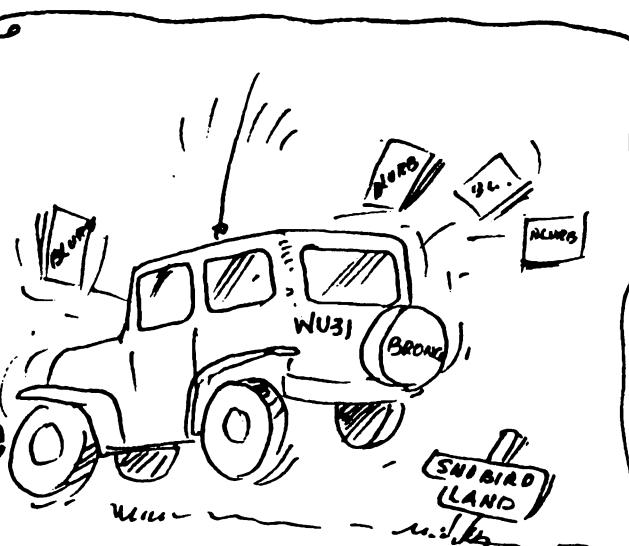
sure to any environmental factor, it is necessary to demonstrate a consistent, significant, and causal relationship before one can conclude that such effects do occur. From this standpoint, the conjectures relating cancer to power line fields have not been scientifically substantiated."

The APS said that billions of dollars are being spent by states and municipalities to mitigate and litigate this perceived problem and "the burden of cost placed on the American public is incommensurate with the risk, if any."

A background report on this issue by David Hafemeister is available on the Internet through the APS World Wide Web HomePage at: <http://aps.org>

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Blurb staff planning home-delivery of all Blurbs.  
Now, about those travel expenses to Florida...



## MINUTES

Al Tribble, W3STW, Secretary

Classic is history, and Charlie thanks all that participated for their support.

WU3I-Steve, mentioned he and N3IEI-Chris, are still looking for Paddleramma and Field Day support. If you are interested please see the appropriate telephone numbers in the *Blurb*, and make that call.

N3OWM-Ted, Membership Committee Chairman, asked for action on two membership applications from KB2RHD-Herbert and N3USF-Jeffery. The applications were accepted by the Directors.

WU3I-Steve, asked for the formation of a Nominating Committee. W3STW-Al (me) agreed to act as the Nominating Committee Chairman.

KB3IV-Ed, Net Control Chairman, asked for, and received help from KA4LIF-Tom, to operate the CW training session. Thank you Tom.

Steve opened the meeting 8:16 p.m., and called upon KB3IV-Ed, Assistant Treasurer, to give a report. Ed reported an income of \$73.00, an expense of \$298.50, and a balance of \$2,053.32. Ed is also the PMRC Jacket Project Chairman, and reported that he has placed 39 orders, and made a partial delivery tonight. Those of us that received our jackets were very pleased. Ed says that as soon as he receives another 12 new orders, he will place them with the factory. 'Want a PMRC jacket?... contact Ed.

AA3EP-Charlie, Special Events Chairman, is looking for volunteers for the June 4th Core States Bicycle Race. By the time you read this the Spring

Congratulations to a new amateur N3VJE-Bryan Hoch! ☺

# Delmont Does Dayton

*The Three-day High!*

Continuing our series on the Dayton Hamvention, we've borrowed Delmont's president's article, as printed in the May issue of their newsletter **HRG CHEW**.

**H**amvention can be described in no other way. Let me give you the run down in day by day order.

## Thursday 27 April 95

Arrived at Dayton airport and picked up the rental car. I was immediately struck by the party atmosphere of the car rental agents and the customers. Checked into the Hampton Fairborne, and again was greeted by a smiling person. This manager could not do enough for us. Hamvention is a very big thing in Dayton, so big that it gets front page coverage and TV prime time. Nonetheless, Midwestern cheerfulness is sincere.

## Friday 28 April 95

Board the shuttle bus to Hara Arena. This sure beats driving, and for two bucks round trip it's door to door. After I picked up the program, and started walking around the flea market, I was amazed at the enormity of the vendor space. Sixteen acres of table to table gold for the right person. This is a builder's paradise. Price is always negotiable. No way could I do justice to the flea market in one day.

At twelve noon on the first day, the indoor vendor spaces are opened to the public. There are hundreds, yes hundreds of vendors of new gear, and accessories, located in the buildings. In some places you walk sideways in order to make headway. It's difficult, but not impossible, to get close enough to talk to the salespeople and engineers. The manufacturers bring out the "A" team for this event. Consequently, the salespeople knew what they were talking about.

## Saturday 29 April 95

Back to the Hamvention to pick up where I left off. People were really buying today. I noticed many hand trucks loaded to capacity. This day I attended a seminar on electrical safety, given by Dayton Power and Light. I always thought that wood was a fair insulator—not so!

Saturday night I went to the banquet at the convention center. What an experience! My estimate was that there were fifteen hundred hams in one room. The dinner was great, and the door prizes even better. I didn't win but just by being there I sure didn't lose either.

I was fortunate to sit with a great bunch of people, but then I couldn't miss, they were all hams. The keynote speaker was Cliff Stoll, K7TA. Cliff gave an awe inspiring talk in his nutty professor style. For this he received a well deserved standing ovation.

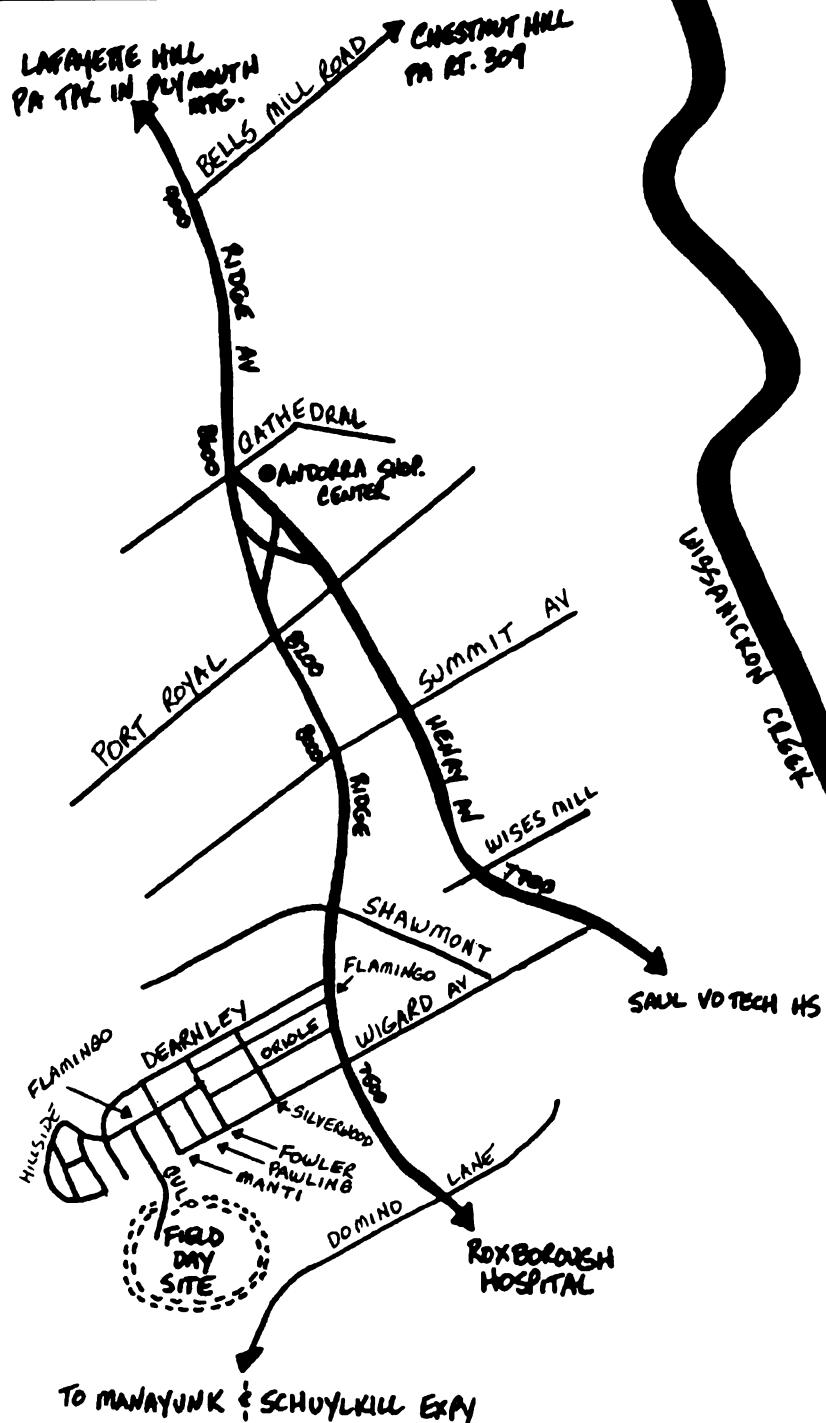
## Sunday 30 April 95

I was able to squeeze in about five hours at the Air Force Museum. This was not nearly long enough. I would recommend at least two days. The exhibits are unbelievable. Everything from man's first flight in a balloon to space capsules. Picture this, a B17, B25, B29, plus forty other planes all under one roof. Oh, I forgot to mention the B36. That ship is BIG! The B29 is the one that ended the war.

All of that is impressive but what brings tears to your eyes are the displayed mementos of the heroes. Big band music plays softly in the background. Gosh, I really could go on and on.

Every ham should go to this event at least once in his life. I marvel at the organization and work required to pull this off. Next year the dates are May 17, 18 and 19. Make your reservations early. ☺

Bill Nichelson, W3KOC



# Field Day '95

Field Day 1995 will be held on the last full weekend in June, the 24th and 25th. Time's running out if you're interested in attending. I must know who will be there so provisions can be made for food. If you're not sure, but you've been thinking about coming, please contact me now! I cannot guarantee you'll be fed if I don't know you're coming.

Members from the Tri-County Amateur Group, the club that's helping us with FD, will also be assisting with the food preps. That's why we need a fairly accurate count. Somebody has to hit the supermarket before that weekend!

For those of you that have already signed up, thanks! But remember, everybody is responsible for their own sleeping accommodations. Last year, anybody that stayed overnight brought a tent or vehicle large enough to sleep in and a sleeping bag. A shower is on-site, but you must bring soap, towels and the like. T.P. is a *very* good thing to bring.

I still need an additional generator. Looks like we will be shy one generator over last year. If you have access to a lightweight, but reliable generator, give me a call. AC strips with surge-suppressors are very welcome.

HF gear is also a bit on the lean side. If you are coming, especially overnight, and have a rig to spare with a power

supply, bring it! If gear is coming, I'd like to see it stay for the entire event. It becomes very disruptive if we're swapping rigs all afternoon.

Talk-in will be on the 147.03 machine. I will have a dedicated rig set up for this purpose. If you have an HT, on-site communications will be conducted on Phil-Mont's simplex frequency of 147.51. This may change if there is a considerable amount of 2m simplex traffic in the area.

Last year's experience dictates that we all try to be prepared with the following items for a safe and enjoyable outing:

- sunscreen
- bug repellant
- flashlights
- sleeping bag and tent
- toilet paper
- change of clothing
- rain gear
- tarps or "screen" type tents
- tools and of course...
- radios!

Look for the fluorescent green signs on Ridge Ave. They'll guide you through the maze of small streets leading to the site. Setup time, on-location, will be 11 a.m. See you there!!

Chris Brady, N3IEI (610) 270-0831 ☺

## 121<sup>ST</sup> MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS MAY

29 candidates took 54 elements  
8 new amateurs plus 4 upgrades

VE team members:

**Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman**

Wally Newell, K3JJO; Thom Scott, KA4LIF; James McCloskey, KE3OP;  
Vince Braxton, K3SNZ; Al Tribble, W3STW;  
Joel Kleinguenther, KA3SWU; Bib Freer, W3YLT;

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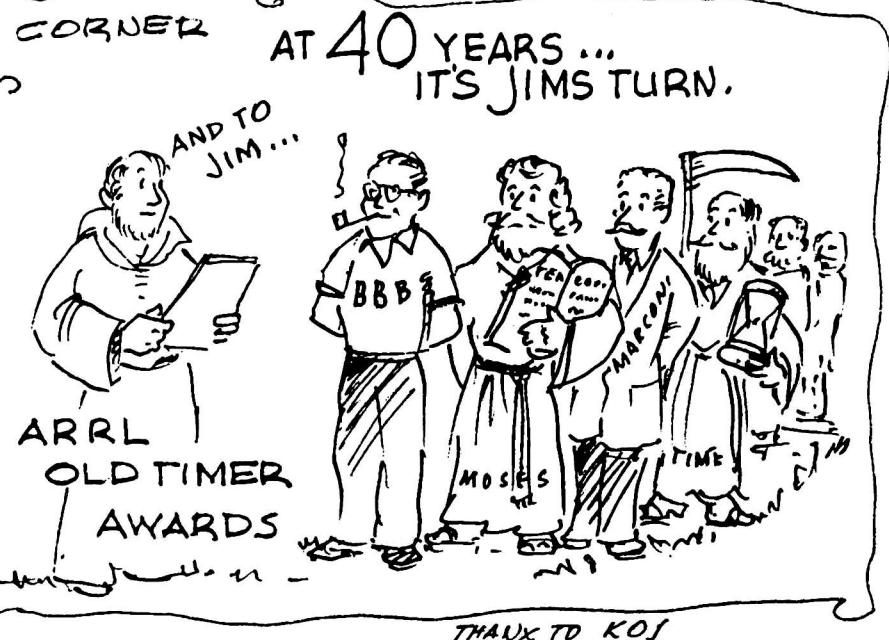
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**It is possible to replace lost or stolen ham plates...  
 —sorta.**

Larry Clifford, W3UY

If your pride and joy ham call plate disappears—be it either lost or stolen—don't despair. While the replacement plate will not be exactly what you lost, you will still have "Amateur Radio" on your license plate.

The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Bureau will not reissue your lost plate for various reasons, the most important being if someone is using your plate illegally, and is picked up for a motor vehicle violation, or if your lost plate is used for some unlawful operation, you will not be accused. However, there are provisions now in place to issue a plate bearing your FCC call sign, plus a hyphen and the number 2. This can be accomplished by completing the form MV-904 (Radio Amateur Auto License application), submit to the Bureau with the usual

\$20 fee plus a copy of your amateur radio station license.

An attempt was made to substitute a 3 for the 2, but the Bureau would not budge from the regulations, notwithstanding the bureau saying that they understood why 3 would be preferred here in Pennsylvania. If you should insist on the 3, you would have to go the "Vanity Plate" route, and this would preclude the use of "Amateur Radio" on your plate.

If it should become necessary to replace a lost or stolen plate, make the necessary application on MV-904, and give details about the loss of your plate. You might want to refer to Lawrence P. White's (Acting Director Bureau of Motor Vehicles) letter dated April 21, 1995 addressed to me. ☺

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 KATTY  
 KORNER*  
*AS WITH MANY  
 OTHER 'BLURBS'  
 THAT GOT EXECUTED  
 BY YOU KNOW WHO...  
 WOODY STILL READS  
 THE BLURB OR  
 WHAT'S LEFT OF IT...  
 ONCE AN EDITOR...  
 ALWAYS AN EDITOR!*



If you still doubt the sexiness of male PC users, consider their hair. They tend to have either: (1) male pattern baldness—a sign of elevated testosterone, or (2) unkempt jungle hair—the kind you see only on people who just finished a frenzied bout of lovemaking. If this were a trial I think we could reach a verdict on the strong circumstantial evidence alone.

I realize there are a lot of skeptics out there. They'll delight in pointing out the number of computer users who wear wrist braces and suggest it isn't the repetitive use of the keyboard that causes the problem. That's okay. Someday those skeptics will be flinging dung at tourists. Then who'll be laughing? (Answer to rhetorical question: everybody but the tourists.)

Henry Kissinger said power is the ultimate aphrodisiac. And Bill Clinton said that knowledge is power. Therefore, logically, according to the U.S. government, knowledge of computers is the ultimate aphrodisiac. You could argue with me—I'm just a cartoonist—but it's hard to argue with the government. Remember, they run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, so they must know a thing or two about satisfying women.

You might think this was enough to convince anyone that men who use computers are sexy. But look at it from my point of view: I'm getting paid by the word for this article. I'm not done yet.

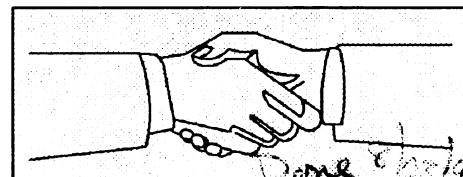
In less enlightened times, the best way to impress women was to own a hot car. But women wised up and realized it was better to buy their own hot cars so they wouldn't have to ride around with jerks.

Technology has replaced hot cars as the new symbol of robust manhood. Men know that unless they get a digital line to the Internet no woman is going to look at them twice.

It's getting worse. Soon anyone who's not on the World Wide Web will qualify for a government subsidy for the home-page-less. And nobody likes a man who takes money from the government, except maybe Marilyn Monroe, which is why the CIA killed her. And if you think that's stupid, I've got 100 words to go.

Finally, there's the issue of mood lighting. Nothing looks sexier than a man in boxer shorts illuminated only by a 15-inch SVGA monitor. If we agree that this is every woman's dream scenario, then I think we can also agree that it's best if the guy knows how to use the computer. Otherwise, he'll just look like a loser sitting in front of a PC in his underwear.

In summary, it's not that I think non-PC users are less attractive. It's just that I'm sure they won't read this article. ☺



**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

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## Men Who Use Computers Are The New Sex Symbols Of The '90s

Scott Adams (scottadams@aol.com)

I get about 100 e-mail messages a day from readers of my comic strip "Dilbert." Most are from disgruntled office workers, psychopaths, stalkers, comic-strip fans—that sort of person. But a growing number are from women who write to say they think Dilbert is sexy. Some say they've already married a Dilbert and couldn't be happier.

If you're not familiar with Dilbert, he's an electrical engineer who spends most of his time with his computer. He's a nice guy but not exactly Kevin Costner.

Okay, Dilbert is polite, honest, employed and educated. And he stays home. These are good traits, but they don't exactly explain the incredible sex appeal. So what's the attraction?

I think it's a Darwinian thing. We're attracted to the people who have the best ability to survive and thrive. In the old days it was important to be able to run down an antelope and kill it with a single blow to the forehead.

But that skill is becoming less important every year.

Now all that matters is if you can install your own Ethernet card without having to call tech support and confess your inadequacies to a stranger whose best career option is to work in tech support.

It's obvious that the world has three distinct classes of people, each with its own evolutionary destiny:

*Knowledgeable computer users* who will evolve into godlike non-corporeal beings who rule the universe (except for those who work in tech support).

*Computer owners who try to pass as knowledgeable* but secretly use hand calculators to add totals to their Excel spread-

sheets. This group will gravitate toward jobs as high school principals and operators of pet crematoriums. Eventually they will become extinct.

*Non-computer users* who will grow tails, sit in zoos and fling dung at tourists.

Obviously, if you're a woman and you're trying to decide which evolutionary track you want your offspring to take, you don't want to put them on the luge ride to the dung-flinging Olympics. You want a real man. You want a knowledgeable computer user with evolution potential.

And women prefer men who listen. Computer users are excellent listeners because they can look at you for long periods of time without saying anything. Granted, early in a relationship it's better if the guy actually talks. But men use up all the stories they'll ever have after six months. If a woman marries a guy who's in, let's say, retail sales, she'll get repeat stories starting in the seventh month and lasting forever. Marry an engineer and she gets a great listener for the next 70 years.

Plus, with the ozone layer evaporating, it's a good strategy to mate with somebody who has an indoor hobby. Outdoorsy men are applying suntan lotion with SPF 10,000 and yet by the age of 30 they still look like dried chili peppers in pants. Compare that with the healthy glow of a man who spends 12 hours a day in front of a video screen.

It's also well established that computer users are better lovers. I know because I heard an actual anecdote from someone who knew a woman who married a computer user and they reportedly had sex many times. I realize this isn't statistically valid, but you have to admit it's the most persuasive thing I've written so far. ☺

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| SUNDAY                                                                                           | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                     | SATURDAY                                                                             |
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|                 |           |                                             |                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br>LICENSE EXAMS<br>at<br>The Franklin Institute<br>Registration begins at 6:00<br>Doors close at 6:30 p.m.<br><i>sharp!</i> | <b>2</b><br><i>Hurricane Season Begins</i> | <b>3</b>                                                                             |
| <b>4</b><br>2M NCS N3FTY<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS W3PWG<br><i>CoreStates Bike Race</i>        | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>NET at 8 PM    | <b>7</b><br>GENERAL MEETING<br>at<br>The Franklin Institute<br>Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.<br>Meeting starts at 7:30. | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>9</b>                                   | <b>10</b>                                                                            |
| <b>11</b><br>2M NCS W3GQD<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS AA3CH                                      | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> ○<br>CODE PRACTICE<br>NET at 8 PM | <b>14</b><br><i>Flag Day</i>                                                                                        | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>16</b>                                  | <b>17</b>                                                                            |
| <b>18</b><br>2M NCS N3OWM<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS W3STW<br><i>Fathers' Day</i>               | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>NET at 8 PM   | <b>21</b><br>DIRECTORS'<br>MEETING at<br>NU3Y's<br><i>Summer Solstice</i>                                           | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>23</b>                                  | <b>24</b><br><i>Field Day &amp; Paddlerama</i>                                       |
| <b>25</b><br>2M NCS W3STW<br>10M NCS W3HFY<br>75M NCS KB3IV<br><i>Field Day &amp; Paddlerama</i> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>CODE PRACTICE<br>NET at 8 PM   | <b>28</b> ●<br>W3TKQ<br>OPERATORS' NET<br>8 PM                                                                      | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>30</b>                                  | When people are free<br>to do as they please,<br>they usually imitate<br>each other. |